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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Election/Restrictions***

- 1.1 Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.
- 1.2 This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.
- 1.3 In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Invention I, claim(s) 1-18, drawn to a method of producing an active matrix display device.

Invention II, claim(s) 19-30, drawn to an active matrix display device.

- 1.4 The inventions listed as Inventions I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Applicant discloses (and claims) multiple patentably distinct species of invention I and Applicant discloses (and claims) multiple patentably distinct species of invention II. Therefore, the patentably distinct features in any given species of invention I are NOT present in all patentably distinct species of invention II, so unity of invention cannot exist..
- 1.5 This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

Species A: A method of producing an active matrix display with the first pixel arrangement as depicted in Fig. 5.

Species B: A method of producing an active matrix display with the second pixel arrangement as depicted in Fig. 8.

Species C: A method of producing an active matrix display with the third pixel arrangement as depicted in Fig. 9.

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Species D: An active matrix display with the first pixel arrangement as depicted in Fig. 5.

Species E: An active matrix display with the second pixel arrangement as depicted in Fig. 8.

Species F: An active matrix display with the third pixel arrangement as depicted in Fig. 9.

- 1.6 Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect either Invention I and a single one of Species A-C, OR Invention II and a single one of species D-F to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.
- 1.7 Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a). Currently, no claim is believed to be entirely generic.
- 1.8 The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The species contain mutually exclusive features considered to be patentably distinct, so unity of invention for those mutually exclusive features cannot exist because said mutually exclusive features exist only in their respective species. A patentability determination of any one species would not serve to confirm or refute patentability of any other listed species in the set.
- 1.9 Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.
- 1.10 The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not

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distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guy G. Anderson whose telephone number is 571.272.8045. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Saturday 1400-2200.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank Font can be reached on 571.272.2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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